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INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

THE REPORT

of the Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1950

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Limehurst Rural District Council

1950-51

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Members of the Council: Parish

Councillor L. MILLIN, Chairman .....Waterloo

„ T. OLLERENSHAW, J.P., Vice-Chairman .....Waterloo

„ W. ROBERTSON .....Woodhouses

„ E. COLLINGE .....Bardsley

„ J. J. CRESSWELL .....Littlemoss

„ W. SLATER .....Alt.

Officials:

E. H. RATCLIFFE, A.C.A.....Clerk of the Council

B. BOWMAN, M.B. ch.B.....Medical Officer of Health

S. DAVIES, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.....Sanitary Inspector

H. BRADSHAW .....Surveyor

A. HOWSON, A.R.V.A. .....Rating Officer

Public Health Staff:

Medical Officer of Health.

Sanitary Inspector.

Clerk.

INTERIM REPORT

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Council Offices,

200, Oldham Road,

Waterloo, near Ashton-under-Lyne.

May, 1951.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

of the

Limehurst Rural District Council

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1950, I have pleasure in announcing that the general health remains good.

To the Members of the Council and Officials, I tender my thanks for their assistance and co-operation during the past year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

B. BOWMAN,

Temporary Medical Officer of Health.

PARISH	AREA IN ACRES	No. of Inhabited Houses	Rateable Value £	Product 1d. Rate £
Alt	1,132·724	271	3,262	12
Bardsley	883·076	615	8,903	34
Littlemoss ...	703·802	416	4,208	22
Waterloo	341·139	1,395	17,027	66
Woodhouses...	627·545	524	5,516	21
Totals...	3,683·286	3,221	38,916	155

Population at 1931 Census (excluding Hartshead) ... 8,151
Population for mid 1950—estimated 8,980

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

Generally the number of notifiable diseases was again small, increases in the incidence of measles, whooping cough, dysentery and tuberculosis are noted.

Total number of Notifiable Diseases recorded during the year 176
(including tuberculosis)

There was one mild case of diphtheria notified during the year, adult male carrier, nursed at home.

17 cases of scarlet fever were notified, 5 of these were admitted to hospital, also one case of dysentery was admitted to hospital.

Infectious disease cases admitted to hospital were as follows:

Scarlet Fever.
Westhulme (Oldham) 2
Hyde 3

Dysentery.
Westhulme (Oldham) 1

Ambulance facilities were provided by County Borough of Oldham for patients admitted to Westhulme and the Lancashire County Council for patients admitted to Hyde.
No. of premises (houses) disinfected 15

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR, 1950

Notified cases only included.

Notifiable Diseases	Total cases at all ages	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED YEARS												Total Deaths (the figures in this column agree with those supplied by the Registrar General).	Hospital. — Total Cases removed to Hospital from the District.	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to District.
		Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65 and over			
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	17	—	1	4	1	2	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
Diphtheria, including Membraneous Croup ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia / Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Polio-Encephalitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis-Lethargica ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	19	1	3	7	1	—	2	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	90	5	20	14	22	16	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	30	2	4	6	6	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Notifiable diseases ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	161	8	28	31	30	22	29	4	1	4	2	—	2	—	6	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1950.

YEARS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1								
1—5			1	1				
5—10								
10—15								
15—20				1				
20—25		3						
25—35	3	4						
35—45								
45—55		2			1			
55—65					1			
65 and over								
	3	9	1	2	2			
	12		3		2			

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1.—Services provided by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

(a) GENERAL HOSPITALS.

The District Infirmary and the Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, are both controlled and administered by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board acting through their Ashton, Hyde and Glossop Hospital Management Committee.

Both hospitals admit medical and surgical cases; the District Infirmary have an out-patient department and the Lake Hospital provide, through their Maternity Department, maternity beds and an ante-natal clinic.

(b) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Hyde Isolation Hospital and Westhulme (Oldham) Isolation Hospital continue to take the majority of Limehurst cases which require to be isolated.

Smallpox. The Regional Board would indicate which of their Smallpox Hospitals would be used in the event of a case occurring.

(c) TUBERCULOSIS SERVICES.

The T.B. Dispensary, Lees Street, is now administered by the Regional Hospital Board, though certain aspects of this work, more particularly the domiciliary visiting of cases and contacts, come within the domain of the Local Health Authority's Medical Officers (the Divisional Medical Officers for Health Divisions Nos. 14 and 17).

The times for attendance at the Dispensary are as follows:

Tuesdays, 2.0 to 4.0 p.m.
Fridays, 10.0 to 12.0 noon.

2.—Services provided by the Local Health Authority.

Lancashire County Council are the Local Health Authority for the Limehurst area, and they have set up a Divisional Scheme of Administration covering the whole of the County of Lancashire.

The Rural District is zoned into the Health Divisions as follows:

Parish of Woodhouses (only)...Health Division No. 14.
Offices: "Tylon," Middleton Road, Chadderton. Phone: MAIn (Oldham) 6251/2.

Parishes of Alt, Bardsley, Littlemoss and Waterloo .....Health Division No. 17.

Offices: Divisional Health Offices, St. Michael's Square, Ashton-under-Lyne. Phone: Ashton-under-Lyne 2847/8.

The services which are provided by Lancashire County Council, with effect from July 5th, 1948, are as follows:

1. Maternity and Child Welfare.
2. School Medical Service.
3. Midwifery.
4. Health Visiting.
5. Home Nursing.
6. Vaccination and Immunisation.
7. Ambulance Service.
8. Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care.
9. Domestic Help.
10. Mental Health.
11. Health Education and Propaganda.

The above services are administered by the Lancashire County Council acting through their Divisional Health Committees Nos. 14 and 17.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948—SECTION 47.

No. of applications made during the period 1st January, 1950 to 31st December, 1950 .....Nil.

No. of Orders made .....Nil.

SCHOOL CLINIC

There are no School Clinics in the District, but facilities are available for school children at the undermentioned premises.

Medical Officer's Inspection Clinic, Water Street, Ashton-under-Lyne:

Monday, 2.0 to 3.30 p.m.
Thursday, 9.30 to 11.0 a.m.

Minor Ailment Clinic, Water Street, Ashton-under-Lyne:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Thursday, 9.30 to 11.0 a.m.

Special appointments are made for Ophthalmic, Orthopædic, Ear, Nose and Throat and Artificial Sunlight Clinics.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Welfare Centres and Clinics are administered by the Lancashire County Council; sessions are held regularly in accordance with the following programme.

Welfare Centre

(including diphtheria immunisation)

Methodist School, Oldham Road, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne:

Every Tuesday at 2.0 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics

Enville House, Scotland Street, Ashton-under-Lyne:

Alternate Fridays, 2.0 to 4,30 p.m.

Richmond House, Richmond Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Alternate Fridays, 2.0 to 4.30 p.m.

Child Welfare Centres

Enville House, Scotland Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Tuesday, 2.0 to 4.30 p.m.

Richmond House, Richmond Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Thursday, 2.0 to 4.30 p.m.

Ormonde Street Welfare, Hurst, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Wednesday, 2.0 to 4.30 p.m.

Limehurst mothers who are in employment, particularly those employed in the textile industry, may make application to the Matron for the admission of their children to any of the Day Nurseries in Health Division No. 17.

The Day Nurseries nearest to Limehurst are: Hurst Day Nursery, King's Road, Ashton-under-Lyne; West End Day Nursery, Manchester Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDWIVES

The Midwife allocated to the Rural District is Mrs. A. Harrop, S.C.M., S.R.N., residing at 5, Ney Street, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne, Telephone No. ASH 2033.

WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE

3,193 houses are supplied by public mains and have a tap inside the house.

During 1945/46, two small schemes to supply Towns water supply to 40 houses, including three milk producing farms were prepared; the laying of mains has now been completed on one scheme and two-thirds of the mains have been laid on the second scheme. 27 houses including three milk producing farms have still to be connected to the mains; with reference to the milk producing farms, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries now have this work in hand.

Two parishes (Waterloo and Bardsley, 2010 houses) are sewered, the parishes of Littlemoss and Woodhouses are partially sewered by neighbouring authorities, namely, County Borough of Oldham and the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne These sewers are primarily serving these Authorities' overspill housing schemes. The parish of Alt is without public sewer.

The number of houses in the parishes of Alt, Littlemoss and Woodhouses which are not served by a public sewer is 708.

Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

1. **Inspections,** for the purposes of provisions as to health, including inspection made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Factories with mechanical power	32	—	—
Factories (without mechanical power	2	—	—
Other premises under the Act .. (including works of building and engineering construction, but not including outworkers' premises) ...	12	—	—
Total	46	—	—

2. **Defects Found.**

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S. 1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3) ...	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S. 4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) ...	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)—				
insufficient	—	—	—	—
unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	—
not separate for sexes...	—	—	—	—
Other offences ... ... Not including offences relating to home work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule of the Factories Act, 1937.	—	—	—	—
Total	4	4		

Number of Returns in Outworkers' Section—2

Sanitary Inspector's Report

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LIMEHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances of the District for the year 1950

With regard to foodstuffs consumed in the Area, these have not given rise to any difficulties; the standard of milk produced within the District has remained good.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all Members and Officials of the Council for their help and valuable co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. DAVIES,

Sanitary Inspector.

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NOTICES SERVED—NUISANCE AND SANITARY DEFECTS

No. of Informal Notices served during 1950 (concerning 122 houses)	111
No. of same complied with during 1950 (concerning 90 houses)	78
No. of Statutory Notices served	29
No. of Statutory Notices complied with	13
No. of Legal Proceedings authorised	3
No of Legal Proceedings taken	Nil

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION, DRAINAGE, ETC.

During the year the undermentioned work has been carried out:

No. of waste water closets converted to fresh water closets	8
No. of closet pails provided as renewals	24
No. of dustbins provided by Local Authority	228
No. of premises where fresh water closets were installed	5

No. of premises where existing drains were cleansed or repaired	23
No. of public sewers cleansed	9

The 586 pail closets are remote from the public sewer and the question of conversion will remain in abeyance until such times as sewerage facilities are provided to these parts of the District.

With reference to the 457 waste-water closets in the District, it is generally agreed that this type of convenience should be abolished and replaced by fresh-water closets.

The closet accommodation for 2,758 houses is on the water-carriage system.

The number of dustbins now to be emptied in the whole District is 2,947 as against 171 in 1922.

On the 1st April, 1949, the Council inaugurated a system of maintaining and renewing dustbins as may be necessary for the reception of house refuse throughout the District, the cost thereof to be charged to General Rate Fund.

The following report is a summary of work done by the Surveyor's Department, details of which has been supplied by your Surveyor, Mr. Bradshaw.

Housing

The number of inhabited houses in the District at 1st January, 1950 was 2959 and has increased by 31st December, 1950 to 3221.

The increase is made up as follows:

Houses at 1st January, 1950	2959
Houses erected by Limehurst R.D.C.	20
Houses erected by Oldham Corporation	114
Houses erected by Ashton Corporation	122
Houses erected by Private Enterprise	11
	3226
Houses closed (tenant re-housed) ...	5
	3221

Limehurst Council Building Programme

The number of houses erected by the Council in 1950 was 20, bringing the total of post-war houses now tenanted to 138.

In course of construction at the end of the year were a further 28 houses and a further 12 are planned to follow immediately on this programme.

The total number of Council houses in the area is now 200.

Building Control

The number of applications for the erection and alteration of buildings dealt with during the year under Bye-Laws and Town Planning Regulations was 103.

Of the above plans, six were for the provision of bathrooms and improved sanitary accommodation.

Sewers and Sewage Dispoal

Waterloo. During the year commencement has been made on a scheme to completely modernise and extend the Waterloo Sewage Disposal Works to bring this to present day standard requirements, and to include provision for over 350 additional houses to be erected by Ashton Corporation in the Littlemoss area and for the total eventual development of Waterloo.

This is a major scheme and is being dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Alt. Regarding two schemes for sewers in the Parish of Alt, the Ministry of Health refused sanction to proceed at the present time.

Sanction was, however, given to a modified scheme at Rhodes Hill, which will sewer approximately 24 houses and it is planned to commence this work as soon as the necessary agreement is obtained from Lees Urban District Council.

Refuse Removal—Cleansing

The collection of house refuse has been maintained throughout the year on a fortnightly basis—the number of dustbins to be dealt with now being 2947.

Pail closets, of which there are 486, are dealt with weekly.

The extension of the culvert at Waterloo Refuse tip has been completed and tipping again made available for several years. With more space available a more efficient working control can be carried out.

Private Streets

During the year five private streets, which were previously unmade, and in a dangerous condition, have been taken over by the Highway Authority.

Tabulated Record of Sanitary Accommodation at the end of 1950

PARISH	Water Closets	Waste Water Closets	Pail Closets	Galv'd Bins	Cesspits
Alt	80	22	198	241	10
Bardsley ...	458	189	17	567	—
Littlemoss ...	283	10	136	389	5
Waterloo ...	1236	235	2	1329	—
Woodhouses	322	1	233	421	3
Totals ...	2379	457	586	2947	18

SLAUGHTERHOUSES, MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

No public slaughterhouse is established in the District. There are four private slaughterhouses, one in Bardsley and three in Waterloo.

In January, 1940, private slaughtering ceased, all slaughtering being subject to Government control from this date. No Government slaughterhouse was established in Limehurst.

During the year one private slaughterhouse has been re-licensed for the slaughter of horses for human consumption. The premises closed down and slaughtering ceased on 31st July, 1950. The number of horses slaughtered for the period ending 31st July, 1950, was 217.

The following horseflesh has been found unfit for human consumption:

297 lbs. of carcase meat.
27 livers.
6 sets of lungs.

Other foodstuffs which have been found unfit for human consumption:

3—16 ozs. tins of veal and ham loaf.
30 tins of evaporated milk (blown).
56 lbs. of butter.
20 lbs. of rolled bacon.
10 lbs. of New Zealand mutton.
4 lbs. of tinned veal (blown).
22 lbs. of flour (mites).
10 tins of Danish Pork.
5 tins of plums.
4 tins of peas.
1 French ham, 14 lbs. 14 ozs.

DAIRY PREMISES

Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies Act), 1944.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949.

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

The District Council is responsible for the granting of dealers' and supplementary licences for heat-treated milk and those in respect of raw designated milk.

The County Council as a Food and Drugs Authority is responsible for the licensing of plant and premises for the heat treatment of milk, i.e. pasteurisers' and sterilizers' licences. "Sterilized" milk is a new designation.

The regulations do not disturb the responsibility of Local Authorities regarding the infection of milk with tuberculosis.

Particulars concerning the regulations are as follows:

No. of milk distributors (raw and designated milks) registered 65

No of licences (designated milks) granted 28

MILK SAMPLING

The undermentioned is a summary of work done during the year.

Tubercle Bacillus—Biological Test

Samples Submitted	No. Negative.	No. Positive
53	47	6

Methylene Blue

Samples Submitted	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory
47	42	5

Copies of all reports concerning milk sampling are forwarded to the Chief Milk Production Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Government Buildings, Cop Lane, Penwortham, Preston.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Ice-Cream Heat Treatment Regulations, 1947.

No. of premises registered (retailers only) 12
No. of premises registered as manufacturers (cold mix only) 1

ICE-CREAM SAMPLING

No. of samples submitted	No. in Grade 1	No. in Grade 2	No. in Grade 3	No. in Grade 4
44	30	11	3	0

Food and Drugs Act, 1938—Section 15—Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air.

On the 27th October, 1949, the Minister of Food issued Model Bye-Laws Series 1 in lieu of the Model Bye-Laws Series XXIX, issued 1939.

The District Council requested confirmation of the Model Bye-Laws Series 1 in their entirety. On the 24th March, 1950, the Bye-Laws were confirmed by the Minister of Food and became operative in this District on the 23rd April, 1950. The new Bye-Laws give much wider powers for the storage, handling, wrapping, delivery and sale of food in the open air; the Bye-Laws apply generally to all branches of the food trade.

In order to obtain uniformity in the administration of the Bye-Laws in the area, joint meetings of local Sanitary Inspectors from neighbouring Authorities are held at frequent intervals to prepare Codes of Practice and to discuss contentious matters which arise from time to time.

WATER SUPPLIES

All but 28 houses in the Rural District are supplied from public mains, the majority from the mains of Ashton-under-Lyne, Dukinfield, Stalybridge and District Waterworks, whilst a small number are fed from the Oldham Corporation Water-

works main. The water from both these sources is satisfactory in both quantity and quality. No bacteriological or chemical examinations have been made by the Rural District during the year, such examination being made by the Undertakers. There has been no evidence of plumbo-solvent action.

The number of houses supplied from standpipes is nil.

The population supplied direct from public mains is estimated at 8,965.

HOUSING AND OVERCROWDING

The total number of dwelling-houses in the District at the end of the year was 3,221, mostly of the low-rented type and containing two bedrooms.

267 new houses have been erected during the year, a full report of which can be found in the Surveyor's section of the report.

22 applicants from the housing register have been rehoused, the majority of the occupants having been in lodgings. It has also been possible to rehouse a few applicants who have been tenants of old houses and the families so large that separation of sexes in bedrooms has been impossible. A few cases of sufferers from T.B., especially phthisis, have also been rehoused.

During the year 68 new applications for tenancy of your Council houses were received from people living in lodgings, and 13 applications from people who are tenants. The total number of applicants under these two categories on the register at the end of the year was 161; the grand total of applicants in all categories on the housing register at the year end was 256, and 47 of the 256 had no residential or priority qualification.

All applications from lodgers with or without children, and tenants with three or more children who applied for a council house prior to 1949 have been housed.

In addition to these figures and in accordance with an agreement between the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne and the District Council concerning overspill housing in the rural area, the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne has housed 20 applicants from the District Council's housing register. This additional assistance is very much appreciated by the Rural District Council's Public Health Department.

SHOPS AND OFFICES

Visits have been made to shops in the District, and in the main these have been found to be satisfactory; no action was necessary with regard to offices.

RODENT CONTROL

Since February, 1949, the Council has been responsible for the work under the Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1949; these powers were delegated by the Lancashire County Council. These powers were repealed under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 and on the 31st March, 1950, the District Council became responsible for the administration of more comprehensive duties under the Pests Act.

The Council has one trained Rodent Operative on a part-time basis, and the work is supervised by the Sanitary Inspector.

During the year a survey of all surface property, rivers, canals and streams was carried out in accordance with the guidance given by the Rodent Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

No reservoir infestations of rodents were found, but a few cases of minor infestations have been dealt with. All infestations found on domestic premises have been dealt with free of cost. All cases found in industrial and commercial premises were dealt with and costs recovered from the persons responsible.

Your sewage works and tips at Bardsley and Waterloo have received routine attention, also the small sewage disposal unit at Littlemoss, and it has been possible to keep the rodent population under control.

With reference to rodent infestations found on the farms, etc., the assistance of the Lancashire Agricultural Committee, Rodent Infestation Department, was obtained, and in all cases of notification to this Authority good co-operation was obtained and on the whole the farmers are well satisfied with the results.

The undermentioned particulars have been forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in accordance with Form PDP/R.1.

1.—PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE

Type of Property	(i) Total	(ii) In which infestation was: Notified by Occupier	(iii) Otherwise discovered	(iv) Recorded total of (ii) and (iii)	Number infested by: Rats: Major	Rats: Minor	Mice only
Local Authorities							
Property	5	Nil	5	5	—	*5	1
Dwelling House	3,134	—	23	23	—	23	5
Business Premises	165	—	3	3	—	3	Nil
Agricultural Property...	67	—	2	2	—	2	Nil
TOTAL	3,371	Nil	33	33	Nil	33	6

2.—MEASURES OF CONTROL BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

TYPE OF PROPERTY	No. of Properties Inspected	No. of Inspections Made	No. of Notices served under Section 4		No of Treatments Carried Out under Section 5 (1)		No of Treatments Carried Out by Arrangement with Occupier		Block Treatments of Properties in Different Occupancies under Sect. 6 (1) or by informal arrangement		
			Treatments	Works	Rats	Mice only	Rats	Mice only	No. of Blocks	Surface No. of Separate Occupancies	Associated Sewers No. of Manholes Treated
Local Authorities											
Property	5	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5	1	Nil	Nil	1
Dwelling House	424	510	—	—	—	—	21	5	1	4	2
Business Premises	68	85	—	—	—	—	3	Nil	—	—	3
Agricultural Property	12	14	—	—	—	—	Nil	—	1	3	Nil
TOTAL	509	624	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	29	6	2	7	6

OTHER VERMIN

No. of premises inspected for vermin 85

No. of premises disinfested 10

The Council's Sewage Works and Tips have been reasonably free from crickets and other pests. During the summer months, weekly spraying of tip face by insecticide was maintained.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

During the year, 33 half-hourly observations were taken of smoke emissions from agricultural and industrial undertakings within the Rural District. Four letters of warning were sent to occupiers of industrial premises and informal action resulted in one factory chimney being given an increased height of 24 feet.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. DAVIES,

Sanitary Inspector.